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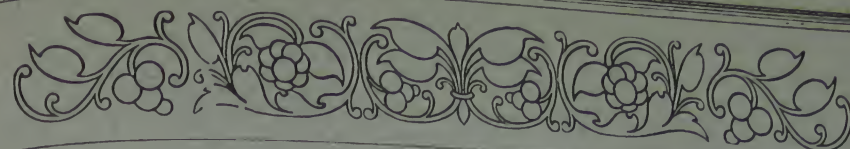
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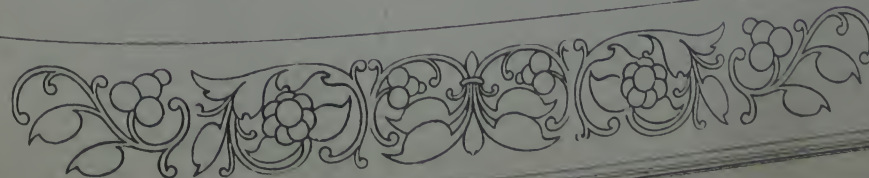
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RULES

OF THE

Parents' National Educational Union.

NAME.

1. The Union shall be called the "Parents' National Educational Union."
2. The Organisation of the Union shall comprise:—
 - (a.) The Council.
 - (b.) An Executive Council.
 - (c.) Local Branches.

THE COUNCIL.

3. The Union shall be under the control of the Council, which shall consist of the President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Officers, one representative from each Branch and co-opted members
4. The President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Officers and one-third of the co-opted members of the Council (who shall retire in rotation each year, but shall be eligible for re-election) shall be elected yearly at the Annual Meeting of the Council.
5. The Executive Committee shall be annually elected by the Council from among its members, and shall be responsible for the management of the Union.
6. At any Meeting of the Council five shall form a quorum.
7. The accounts of the Union shall be audited by a Chartered Accountant, who shall be appointed each year at the Annual Meeting.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

8. The Executive shall consist of the President, Honorary Officers, one representative from each Branch which received not less than fifty subscriptions, and fifteen other members who shall be elected yearly at the Annual Meeting of the Council.

9. Nominations of new Members for the Executive Committee must be sent in to the Secretary ten clear days before the date of such election. If more than fifteen members are nominated the election shall be by ballot. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to fill up any vacancy that may occur in their number during the year.

10. The Executive Committee shall meet not less than four times a year. Each year at its first Meeting a Chairman shall be elected for that year.

11. At any Meeting of the Executive Committee, three shall form a quorum.

12. No opposed business shall be transacted at any Meeting of the Executive Committee, unless previous notice of such business shall have appeared on the Agenda.

13. The Executive Committee shall have power to make or alter by-laws for the management of the Union, provided always that the by-laws be not contrary to the principles, objects, or rules, of the Union, as printed, and circulated in the Annual Report.

14. The Council shall decide as to what salaried Officer or Officers shall be appointed. The appointment, and dismissal of such Officer or Officers, with the amount of their salaries, shall be in the hands of the Executive.

MEETINGS.

15. The Council shall hold an Annual Meeting to fill up vacancies in their body, to receive the Report and

Balance Sheet of the previous year, to appoint the Auditor, to elect the Honorary Officers and Members of the Executive Committee, to decide on questions involving new departures in procedure, &c.

16. The General Annual Meeting shall be held immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Council, for the purpose of reading the Report of the past year, and for otherwise promoting the interests of the Union.

17. The Council may be summoned by the President, by the Executive Committee, or by the Secretary on the receipt of a requisition in writing from fifty members of the Union. Fourteen days' Notice of every Meeting of the Council must be given.

18. No Meeting shall be convened under Clause 17, unless the notice convening the same express the object for which the Meeting has been summoned; and no business, other than that specified on the Notice, shall be transacted at such Meeting.

19. At all Meetings, the Chairman of each Meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his ordinary vote.

20. No alteration shall be made in the Rules except by a two-thirds majority of those present at the Annual Meeting of the Council, or at a Council-Meeting specially convened for that purpose.

LOCAL BRANCHES.

21. A Local Branch of the Union may be formed in any district by or with the approval of the Executive Committee, after which such Branch itself shall be free to organise, and make its own by-laws, provided such By-laws shall not be contrary to the principles and objects of the Union.

22. Each Local Branch shall have the power to fix the amount of the Annual Subscription to be paid by its members.

23. Each Local Branch shall send to the General Secretary, one month before the Annual Meeting each year, the name of its Representative to the Council for the coming year.

24. The Council shall publish a journal, and each member of the Union subscribing not less than ten shillings per annum shall be entitled to receive a copy of the journal, as published.

25. Each Local Branch shall pay an annual capitation-fee to the Council. This annual fee shall be one shilling per subscription for Branches within the London Postal District, and sixpence per subscription for Country Branches. In addition to the annual capitation-fees, each newly established Local Branch shall pay an affiliation-fee of one guinea to the Council.



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THE
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GENERAL ANNUAL REPORT,
JUNE, 1896.

THE work of the Union during the last year has been steady, hopeful, and vigorous. We have not to record the formation of many new branches, but existing branches have done good work, and the year has seen some important new departures. Chief among these is the *Central Library*, which, thanks to the exertions of the Library Committee, has made a capital start, and we look forward to being able to place at the service of our members a very complete collection of works bearing on the wide range of subjects which have to do with the bringing-up of children. The collection of such a public Library for the use of parents is, we think, a unique effort in the history of education, and we need not enlarge on its importance. The Library Committee will be grateful for offers of books likely to be in any way profitable or suggestive to parents.*

Our *Natural History Club* has done good and progressive work. Various branches, Reading and Bedford for example, have formed local Natural History Clubs, which promise well, and will, we hope, form Museums, illustrative of nature in their own districts, which should be of real scientific value. At the same time it is desirable that the members of the

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local clubs should contribute specimens of their work to the central Exhibition, and should take advantage of Mr. Rowbotham's letters.

How very valuable these latter have proved is shewn by such communications as the following, received from parents:—

"Mr. Rowbotham's Geology letters are very popular. The whole family on their ponies explored the tributaries of the river Storb and made maps. It was a great pleasure to a Winchester boy on sick-leave and R. (aged six) with his terrible chemical tastes, revelled in clay and sand-pies."

The importance of setting up such interests in early life can hardly be exaggerated.

The P.N.E.U., to be a source of vigorous life and inspiration for a neighbourhood, must be worked well. We hear of one Branch which is "gasping for life," from which "no ideas and consequently no practical results emanate." Such a Union is not a piece of mechanism to be set in motion and go of itself. No good thing is produced without effort; we have got over the opposition and even ridicule which attended our early attempts; the Union is recognised both at home and abroad as a Society full of promise and with great possibilities. There are few places where it should not be possible to establish a good working Branch. Achievement, however, has its proper perils, and our danger now is from that *vis inertiae* which has been well called the most malignant enemy of human nature. Where there is life there is growth, and we must judge of our condition by the steady influx of new ideas, by the constant increase of membership and of new Branches.

Some new Branches formed this year are full of promise, notably Edinburgh (which was not duly inaugurated until our Chairman's visit in October last), Bedford, and the Wirral Branch. For the information of parents who do not fully understand the *raison d'être* of the P.N.E.U., or who wish to expound the matter simply with a view to the formation of new Branches, we

reprint a passage from a paper by Mr. Henry Perrin (Hon. Org. Sec.), published in our Report for 1893:—

"A few parents in any given district who realise the importance of this principle, take counsel together, and, associating themselves with teachers, doctors, and any who can assist in the study of child-nature and training, in friendly and conversational meetings discuss the various problems and difficulties that present themselves, bringing the knowledge and experience of each into the common fund for the benefit of all, and by mutual advice and help stimulating and guiding each other to the more perfect fulfilment of parental duties. These in turn bring others, actual and potential parents, and all, as missionaries, endeavour to spread the principles of true education, in schools, mothers' meetings, amongst their friends, in district-visiting and the like, wherever their influence extends. In the various branches members can learn what books are most useful in their work, and arrangements are made for their loan, so that the library of each may be at the service of all. In fact the variety of agencies is unlimited; press, platform, and pulpit are utilised; and *The Parents' Review*, *The Parents' Review School*, *the House of Education*, lectures to mothers, to nurses, to servant-girls, are only some of the means which are either actually in operation, or only awaiting adequate means for their realisation. The subjects considered group themselves under the following heads:

"I. Food and clothing proper to each age; hygienic conditions, as light, air, warmth, bathing, &c., and the physiological principles governing them.

- (a) Training of the limbs with a view to the attainment of complete symmetry and adaptability to their several functions.
- (b) Training of the eye, hand, voice, &c.
- (c) Games, gymnastics—their physical advantages and dangers.
- (d) The lessons to be derived by parents from the unconscious motions of childhood, its restless activity and the like.
- (e) The parents' helps and hindrances in physical training.

"II. The connection between physical and mental well-being; the earliest signs and growth of the perceptive faculties.

- (a) Intellectual training, with a view to the complete development of all the mental powers.
- (b) Artistic training, graphic and musical.
- (c) The educational value of games.
- (d) The lessons to be learnt from the instinctive manifestations of the child's mind, its ceaseless questionings, &c.
- (e) The parents' helps and hindrances in mental training.

"III. The Moral and Spiritual nature, and the influence upon it of physical and mental health.

- (a) Moral training for the formation of character.
- (b) Religious teaching.
- (c) Games and companionship—their moral advantages and dangers

It is desirable that in the forthcoming year a forward movement should be made in the direction of identifying the P.N.E.U. with National Education generally. So far as Secondary Education goes the Society is making itself felt. Able Head Masters and Mistresses support us in our desire for shorter hours, less home-work, more varied time-tables, the teaching of handicrafts and the introduction of field work in Natural History. Steady effort on the part of parents has already done much to modify School opinion on these heads in the neighbourhoods most influenced by the P.N.E.U. We may also congratulate ourselves that the teaching profession recognise that we are doing good work on their lines. We know of one of the great Public Schools where a boy was received under exceptional circumstances, because his parents are identified with P.N.E.U. work, of which the Head Master in question thinks highly.

We desire to retain the respect of teachers and also to bring to bear upon their work educated and reasonable parental opinion. Unfortunately this is at present largely lacking, and until it is formed the undue pressure which we all deplore will continue, for reforms can be brought about only by cultivating a higher public opinion on the subject of education.

Very little has hitherto been done in Elementary Schools by the P.N.E.U. We know of one Hon. Sec. of a Branch who regularly visits the Board Schools in her neighbourhood: her visits are most welcome, the teachers deploring the lack of public interest in their work, and anything she has to say as to the broader principles of education is received with interest, and by the teachers of at least one Workhouse School, the

Parents' Review is warmly welcomed every month. Each Branch should make efforts in this direction.

The *Parents' Review* is, we are told, increasing in literary value, intellectual force and practical usefulness, and this improvement is an index of the good work done in the Union, many of the articles being papers read at the several Branches. We earnestly hope our members will make great efforts to increase the circulation of the Magazine, as the prosperity of the Union, both financially and educationally, depends very much upon the *Review*.

The *House of Education*, Ambleside, has extended its term of training from one to two years. The students continue in great request. The truest educational work is already going on in between fifty and sixty home school-rooms under "Ambleside" teachers, enthusiastic in their calling.

The *Parents' Review School* also, is a means of introducing brightness and purpose into many school-rooms where the children have been accustomed to a rather lifeless routine of studies.

Thoroughly good work continues to be done in the *Mothers' Educational Course*.

Surveying the whole field of our labours, and looking back upon a year of happy and prosperous work, again we "thank God" and "take courage."

SESSION 1895-96.

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The following lectures have been given:—

January 7th, 1896.—An extract from Mrs. Steinthal's paper, "What is the P.N.E.U.?" was read by Dr. JOSEPH OGILVIE, Rector, Church of Scotland Training College. This was followed by an address by Miss PATTISON, A.F.S., Kindergarten Lecturer at Cusack's Institute, London, on "Education according to the Laws of Nature."

February 13th.—A paper by Mr. J. C. BARNETT, on "The Condition of Child Growth."

April 30th.—A paper by Mrs. Dixon, Southport, on "The P.N.E.U. from a Mother's point of view," was read by Mr. J. BULLOCK, Vice-President of the Aberdeen Branch of the P.N.E.U.

BEDFORD BRANCH.

Number of members, 77.

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Those marked thus * are on the Executive.

This branch was only formed at the end of 1895, and its year commenced in January 1896.

The following lectures have been given:—

January.—“History and Principles of the P.N.E.U.,” by Mr. A. RANSOME.
February.—“On Habit,” by Miss HELEN WFB, M.B.

Both these lectures were held in the Hall of the Girls' High School.

A drawing-room lecture was held in March, when Miss Mason's paper on “Discipline” was read by Col. H. LAWRENCE, and a full discussion ensued. The branch has been unfortunate, as owing to the serious illness of the Rev. Alban Wright, two lectures on the “Psychology of Childhood” have had to be postponed.

A Natural History Club has been started, and has a fair number of members.

BELGRAVIA BRANCH.

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The Committee are glad to report that the work of the Session has been of a most encouraging character. The meetings have been largely attended, and new life seems to have been infused into the Branch. Several ladies

lately have kindly made their private classes open to other members of the Branch, and it is hoped that this plan will be pursued during the coming Session.

Forty-two new members have joined this year, and the total number is now 116. The Committee feel that if each member would make the Society known amongst his or her friends, a much larger increase of members might be looked for.

The following free lectures have been delivered during the Session:—

November 26th.—“Lessons before School,” by R. SOMERVELL, Esq. (Assistant Master and Bursar of Harrow School), at 36, Roland Gardens, S.W. (by kind permission of Mrs. Elliot), H. H. Minton, Esq., in the chair.

December 12th.—“Sensitiveness and Sensibility in Children,” by C. T. DENT, Esq., F.R.C.S., at 2, Carlos Place, W. (by kind permission of Mrs. Dent), G. H. Savage, Esq., M.D., in the chair.

January 24th.—“What to do with our Girls,” by Miss LUCY SOULSBY, at 35, Cranley Gardens (by kind permission of Mrs. Pym), Guy Pym, Esq., M.P., in the chair.

February 11th.—“The Religious Training of Children,” by the Rev. F. E. RIDGEWAY, D.D., at 74, Eaton Square (by kind permission of Mrs. Rutson), J. A. Farrer, Esq., in the chair.

March 26th.—“Goads,” by Canon SCOTT HOLLAND, at 50, Ennismore Gardens (by kind permission of Mrs. Farrer), J. A. Farrer, Esq., in the chair.

April 29th.—“The Formation of Character in Children,” by A. T. SCHOFIELD, Esq., M.D., at 18, Rutland Gate (by kind permission of Mrs. Henderson), A. O. DONNEL BARTHOLEYNS, Esq., in the chair.

May 13th.—“Language Teaching” (Gouin Method), by Mdlle. DURIAUX, at 36, Grosvenor Street (by kind permission of Mrs. Burnet), Waring A. Biddle, Esq., in the chair.

The following courses of lectures and lessons have also been given this year:—

An Elementary Greek Testament Class, by CANON MORRIS.

A course of five lectures on “Hygiene,” by Miss BENNETT.

Twelve lessons in Singing (Tonic Sol-Fa Method) to young children, by Mrs. THOULESS.

A course of six lectures on “Psychology,” by Miss FANNER.

Classes for Wood-carving and Modelling in Clay.

French Classes (Gouin Method) for children from 6 to 10 years of age.

A course of four lectures on “Sick Nursing of Children,” by Miss HOMERSHAM.

A class for ladies for Drawing in Water-colours and Sketching out of doors.
French class for very young children.

Fortnightly classes for ladies for the practice of Concerted Music, by Miss SASSE, assisted by other artistes.

Classes for small children for Brush Work, Modelling, Basket Work and Elementary Singing.

Preparatory and Advanced French classes, by Mdle. FORCKEL.

Children's classes for "Theory of Music and Singing," by Miss SIMONS.

A course of lectures on "English Literature, 1670—1700."

BRIGHTON CENTRE.

(SOUTHDOWN BRANCH.)

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Pakyns Manor, Flower Lodge,
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Branch Representative:

The season opened with an address to the President and Members by Dr. SCHOFIELD on "The Physiology of Habit," which was much appreciated; and a course of four lectures to mothers on the care of their children was arranged, these took place in January, February and March, and were of great interest and value. In December Mr. RUSSEL addressed the members on "Slöyd." The weather prevented many from attending who were interested in the subject.

[NOTE.—At the close of the meeting a teacher was promised for next season who intends this summer to go through the necessary course of instruction in Sweden. Several names were entered for this class.]

Mrs. CURWEN lectured on "The Application of Educational Principles to Pianoforte Teaching." It is hoped later to develop this interesting subject more fully. A class has been established in Brighton for teaching French on the Gouin system, the result of a past lecture from Mr. Swan.

Preparations are being made for a course of Brush Drawing this summer. At the close of the course of Health Lectures it was proposed by the Secretary of the National Health Society to join with this Branch to continue these lectures next autumn. This was agreed to, and a joint Public Meeting is in prospect, which, it is hoped will advance the interests of the two Societies in Brighton.

NOTE.—The Committee has been fortunate in securing the assistance of Miss E. A. JOHNSON, who is kind enough to act as Hon. Sec. for Brighton.

BROUGHTY FERRY BRANCH.

Committee:

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Mrs. MAITLAND.

Mrs. MUIRHEAD.

Mrs. OGILVIE.

Mrs. WILSON.

Mrs. CUNNINGHAM.

This Branch has 17 members. All the members have the *Parents' Review* monthly.

Some suggestive out-door lectures in Botany were given last summer by Professor GEDDES. During the winter three lectures were given, one by Professor D'ARCY THOMPSON on "The Teaching of Geography," one by Dr. EMILY THOMPSON on "Some dangers of the Developmental periods," and a paper by Miss JULIA WEDGWOOD on "Maternal Self-sacrifice, true and false," was read.

CLAPHAM BRANCH.

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The following are the meetings of this branch for Session 1895-96:—
"How to Develop our Little Children by Training their Powers," by Miss AGNES WARD, late Principal of the Maria Grey Teachers' Training College.

"The Care of the Teeth, a neglected phase of our children's well-being," by Mr. WILLIAM PENFOLD.

"Some Radical Defects in our Modern Education," by Dr. DOWNES.

"The Parent as Student of the Child's Mind," by Professor SULLY.

"The Development of Patriotism in Young Children," by the Rev. C. P. GREENE, Rector of Clapham.

At the meetings of the Reading Circle, Miss Mason's "Home Education" has been read and discussed.

Thirty-five members joined during the year.

DULWICH BRANCH.

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Mrs. GREENFIELD.

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Meetings held 1895—1896:—

1895, April 1st.—Public Meeting to start the Branch at the Old College, Dulwich. Addresses by Mrs. FRANKLIN and Dr. SCHOFIELD. Chairman, the Master of Dulwich College.

„ June 25th.—Address by Miss CHARLOTTE MASON at Belair, Dulwich, Chairman, Mr. T. J. Edwards.

„ October 15th.—Address by Miss WELLS, on “The Early Training of Children,” at The Chestnuts, Dulwich Common. Chairman, The Rev. J. Mallinson.

„ November 26th.—Address by Mrs. L. T. MEADE, on “Children Past and Present,” at Hillsboro', Alleyn Park. Chairman, The Rev. J. Mallinson.

1896, January 10th.—Address by Canon DANIELL, on “Our Religious Duties as Parents to our Children,” at the Dulwich High School for Girls. Chairman, Mr. Evan Spicer.

„ February 25th.—Address by Dr. G. B. BATTEN, on “Nursery Hygiene,” at Toksowa House, Dulwich Common. Chairman, Mr. T. J. Edwards.

DUNFERMLINE BRANCH.

Committee :

Mrs. W. ROBERTSON.

Mrs. YEO.

Mrs. G. MATTHEWSON.

Mr. J. ROSS.

Hon. Sec. : Mr. H. BEVERIDGE, Pitreavie.The following is the programme of meetings for this session:—
November 26th, 1895.—“The Moral Training of Children,” Miss E. L. YOUNG.

January 23rd, 1896.—“Punishment,” Rev. D. L. RITCHIE.

February 17th.—“The Kindergarten system,” Miss M. A. CLAPPERTON.

March 23rd.—“Obedience,” Mr. H. BEVERIDGE.

May 22nd.—“Springtide in Education,” Professor PATRICK GEDDES.

EASTBOURNE CENTRE.
(SOUTHDOWN BRANCH.)*President :* LADY LOUISE LODER.*Committee :*

Mrs. ANDREWS.

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Mrs. CARDWELL.

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Rev. J. BEECHENO.

Mrs. SHAW.

Miss DEACON.

Dr. SHERWOOD.

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Mrs. WOODWARD.

Mrs. LEATHAM.

A. MAX WILKINSON, ESQ.

Hon. Sec. : Mrs. BUTT, Ingleside, Selwyn Road.*Hon. Treas. :* Mrs. TRACEY, The Dale, Upperton.

The Session for 1895-96 commenced in October, since when the following lectures have been given:—

October, 1895.—“The growth of the Bones, and diseases incidental thereto,” by Mr. LITTLE, F.R.C.S.

November, 1895.—“The co-relation of Mental and Physical Education,” Mr. CHARLES ROBERTS, F.R.C.S.

December, 1895.—“The Teaching of Geography in connection with Natural Science,” GEORGE HOME, ESQ.

February, 1896.—“Some Modern Methods of Teaching,” Miss WILLIS, H.M.I.

February, 1896.—“Home Hygiene,” Dr. SHERWOOD.

March, 1896.—“Past and Present,” Miss JULIA WEDGWOOD.

May, 1896.—Mr. ROBERTS kindly repeated his lecture by request.

According to arrangements this Session will close with Drawing-room meeting on Friday, July 10th, when Miss HELEN WEBB, M.B. will give an address to mothers on “Heredity.” The April Meetings were postponed owing to the prevalence of illness. The number of members has not increased, but the “Readings” held at the houses of various members during the winter were very interesting and discussion was more free than at the lectures. The Committee have again to thank Mrs. Shaw for her continued kindness in lending the Library for meetings and to record their great appreciation of the kindness of those ladies and gentlemen who have addressed the members.

EDINBURGH BRANCH

Committee :

Mrs. FRAYNER.	Mrs. CHARTERIS.
Mrs. WHYTK.	Mrs. BERRY.
Professor GEDDES.	Principal GRANT OGILVIE.

Honorary Secretaries :

Mrs. FREELAND BARBOUR, 4, Charlotte Square.
Mrs. BERRY HART, 29, Charlotte Square.

The opening address of this branch was delivered in November, 1895, by Dr. SCHOFIELD, Chairman of the Central Council. There are now fifty-six members, and all the meetings (six in number) have been well attended.

The subjects of the Lectures were :—

1895, December 13th.—“The Educational Revolution,” by Professor GEDDES.
1896, January 17th.—“Repressed Initiative in Children,” by GEORGE WILSON, Esq., M.D.

.. February 14th.—“The Religious Teaching of Children,” by H. J. WOTHERSPOON, M.A.

.. March 13th.—“The Physical Education of Growing Girls,” by Miss JESSIE MACGREGOR, L.R.C.P. and S.Ed.

.. May 5th.—“The Study of Natural History as an Educational Discipline,” by J. ARTHUR THOMSON, M.A., F.R.S.Ed.

Dr. JOHN THOMSON'S course of Lectures on “Nursery Hygiene” was attended by fourteen ladies, and was much appreciated.

NORTH FINCHLEY BRANCH.

Number of Members, 62.

President :

J. D. MCCLURE, Esq., M.A., LL.M., Headmaster of Mill Hill School.

Committee :

Mrs. BAILEY	Mrs. MCCLURE
Miss CLEATER	Miss PLAYNE
Mrs. CLAYTON	Mr. and Mrs. A. REYNOLDS
Mr. and Mrs. DILLEY	Mrs. WALLACE
Rev. C. H. and Mrs. GOODY	Mr. and Mrs. CHAS. WIMBUSH.

Hon. Treasurer : C. H. CLAYTON, Esq., Meadowside, North Finchley.

Hon. Secretary : Mrs. RAMSAY WILSON, Longcroft, North Finchley.

The Inaugural Meeting of this branch was held on June 10th, 1895, at Netherelms, Woodside Park, by kind permission of Mrs. Chas. Wimbush, and also gave an address on “Character and Training.” Since that time the Committee have to report satisfactory progress. During the winter session the following addresses have been given :—

October.—Opening address by the PRESIDENT.

November.—“The Application of Educational Principles to Pianoforte Teaching.” Mrs. SPENCER CURWEN.

December.—“How to develop our little children by training their powers.” Miss AGNES WARD.

February.—“Habit.” Miss HELEN WEBB, M.B.

March.—“Expediency and Development in Education.” Miss WELLS.

May.—“Personal Influence in the Home Life.” The PRESIDENT.

FOLKESTONE BRANCH.

President : Lady KATHERINE EUSTACE.

Vice-Presidents :

Rev. C. BOSANQUET.	Rev. H. DALE.	Mrs. BOLDERO.
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Committee :

Mrs. BOLDERO.	Rev. W. HALL.
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Mrs. SELWIN CALVERLEY.	Dr. PERCY LEWIS.

Hon. Secretary : Mrs. Baynes, 9, Christchurch Road.

Hon. Treasurer : Mrs. COPLAND GRIFFITHS, 5, Earl's Avenue.

Eight meetings have been held this session and have been well attended, especially the January one, when Canon Hon. E. LYTELTON very kindly came and gave us a most excellent address on “Parents and Sons.” The Lending Library seems to be much appreciated, and the number of members is forty-one. Of these twenty-three take in the *Parents' Review*. Some of the members also attended Miss CARPENTER'S valuable lectures on the “Training of Teachers,” given under the auspices of the Teachers' Guild. In April, Mrs. SPENCER CURWEN, and in May, Dr. HELEN WEBB most kindly came down and gave addresses, which were highly appreciated.

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARD'S CENTRE. (SOUTHDOWN BRANCH).

Local Committee:

Dr. BAGSHAW.	W. KNIGHTON, Esq., L.L.D.
Miss BISHOP.	W. B. LIDDIARD, Esq.
Rev. F. R. BURROWS.	Mrs. ANDREW MURRAY.
Rev. G. A. FOYSTER.	Miss M. VENABLES.
Rev. F. G. and Mrs. HUGHES.	Dr. WILLIAMS.
Rev. H. J. GRAHAM.	Dr. A. SCARLYN WILSON.

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer:

Mrs. EDWARD VENABLES, S. Bernard's Lodge, London Road, St. Leonard's.
Present number of members, 74.

20 new members joined, but many old ones have left the place, or, being unable to attend any meetings, have withdrawn.

The entire programme of the Session has been carried out, with the exception of a lecture on "University Education for Girls," by Miss Beth Finlay, which will take place after this notice has gone to press.

October 24th, 1895.—Miss CHARLOTTE MASON spoke of "The aims of the P.N.E.U.," by kind permission of Mrs. Frank Shaw, at 33, Warrior Square. Chairman, Rev. F. R. Burrows, M.A.

November 27th.—The Rev. THEODORE CHURTON, M.A., Vicar of Icklesham, gave an address on "Religious Influence," at Hill House, Dane Road, by the kind invitation of Mrs. W. M. Rhodes. Chairman, Mr. W. M. Rhodes.

February 22nd, 1896.—At the Hastings and St. Leonard's College, Cumberland Gardens, the Rev. F. R. BURROWS, M.A., of Ancaster House School, spoke, at a public meeting, on "Geography—a neglected subject at home and in school." Chairman, Philip Pritchard, Esq. (Chairman of the Local School Board).

March 28th.—Dr. EDWARD DOWNES, of Eastbourne, came to give a lecture at Miss Tiddeman's studio (Hastings), on "Backward children." The chair was taken by A. L. Ward, Esq.

April 29th.—Miss AMY F. TWISLETON (Nursing Sister of the Metropolitan Convalescent Institute at Bexhill), gave many useful hints on the nursing of sick children and the care of their health. She was briefly introduced by Mr. A. C. Routh, at whose house (33, Marina) the meeting was held, by the kind consent of Mrs. Routh.

A few new books have been added to the library, chiefly owing to a donation from Dr. Knighton. The library includes every volume of the *Parents' Review*.

HAMPSTEAD AND ST. JOHN'S WOOD BRANCH.

President: Rev. E. A. ABBOTT, D.D.

Committee:

Chairman: Mr. E. C. ROBINS, F.S.A. Vice-Chairman: Mr. H. PERRIN.

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Hon. Secretary:

Mrs. C. HERBERT-SMITH, The Retreat, North End, Hampstead.

Hon. Treasurer: Dr. PIDCOCK, 74, Fitzjohn's Avenue, N.W.

Hon. Librarian: Miss BEGG, 24, Buckland Crescent, N.W.

The Branch now has sixty-nine separate subscribers of whom forty-one also take in the *Parents' Review* through the Society. We have had ten new subscribers and lost seven of the old ones during the year.

The following meetings have been held with a fairly good average attendance:—

October 16th, 1895.—*Public Meeting*.—"The Use and Abuse of Parental Reserve," by Dr. ABBOTT. Chairman, H. Courthorpe Bowen, Esq.

November 13.—"The Gouin (Series) Method of Teaching Languages," by HOWARD SWAN, Esq. Chairman C. Simmons, Esq., M.A.

December 11th.—"The Application of Educational Principles to Musical Teaching," by Mrs. SPENCER CURWEN. Chairman, James Shaw, Esq.

January 14th, 1896.—"The Teaching of History to Children," by G. ARMITAGE SMITH, Esq. Chairman, Prof. Griffin.

February 12th.—"Expediency v. Development in Education," by Miss WELLS, A.F.S. Chairman, T. Garrod, Esq.

March 20th.—"What *not* to Teach," by F. BOND, Esq., M.A., F.G.S. Chairman, C. Simmons, Esq., M.A.

April 22nd.—"Country Rambles," by Miss HALL (Curator of Whitechapel Museum). Chairman, Russell Scott, Esq.

June.—Mrs. STEINTHAL has promised to address the branch on "How I teach my Children."

The Public Meeting in October was one of the largest and most successful ever held by this branch.

As an outcome of Mr. Swan's lecture in November, a class was formed to study the Gouin method of Language Teaching.

HIGHGATE AND CROUCH END BRANCH.

President: Rev. A. E. ALLCOCK, M.A., Head Master Highgate School.
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. G. HANDCOCK, 2, Christchurch Road, Crouch End.

Committee:

Chairman: G. HANDCOCK, Esq., M.R.C.S.
 Mrs. EALAND.
 Mrs. BRUCE.
 Rev. F. EALAND, M.A.
 Mrs. BARRETT.
 Mrs. LAKE.
 Mrs. BENJ. CLARKE.
 Mrs. EBBLEWHITE.

October 23rd, 1895.—A special meeting was held at Briblands, Hornsey Lane, N., by invitation of Miss Cox, when an address was given by Miss MASON, on "Psychological Development in School Life." The Chair was taken by J. O. McClure, Esq., M.A., of Mill Hill.

November 22nd.—A meeting was held at Alyn Bank, Crouch End, by kind permission of Mr. Scarborough. A paper was read by Mrs. BENJAMIN CLARKE on "Punishments and Rewards." Chair taken by J. Carvell Williams, Esq., J.P.

December 17th.—A meeting was held at the School House, Highgate, by invitation of the President of the branch (Rev. A. E. Allcock, M.A.), who took the chair on the occasion. Address by Miss D'ORSEY, on "Speech and Voice Training."

February 12th, 1896.—A meeting was held in Christchurch Road, Crouch End, when a paper was read by GEORGE PIPER, Esq., on "Should Children have Free Access to Works of Fiction?"

April 20th.—A meeting was held at Oakville, Holly Park, by kind invitation of Mrs. How. A paper entitled "Environment" was read by ERNEST GALE, Esq.

HYDE PARK AND BAYSWATER BRANCH.

Committee:

Chairman: A. T. SCHOFIELD, Esq., M.D.
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 Mrs. C. B. COOPER.
 Mrs. HOLROYD CHAPLIN.
 Dr. GLADSTONE, F.R.S.
 Mrs. FREDERIC HALL.
 Rev. C. RIDGEWAY, M.A.
 Mrs. WHITAKER THOMPSON.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. ERNEST L. FRANKLIN.

Branch Representative: Mrs. WHITAKER THOMPSON.

This branch now numbers 124 separate subscribers, who continue to evince great interest in the work. The average attendance at monthly meetings is

about 70. The Committee are glad to be able to state that practically all the members take in the *Parents' Review*. The following meetings have been held:—

October 22nd.—Miss MASON, on "Disposition and Character" (a joint lecture to London branches.) Sir Samuel Montagu, Bart., M.P., in the chair.

November 2nd.—Mr. T. G. ROOPER, H.M.I., on "Gaiety in Education." Rev. H. G. Rosedale in the chair.

December 10th.—Mrs. SPENCER CURWEN, on "The application of Educational Principles to Pianoforte Teaching." Mrs. Howard Glover in the chair.

January 21st.—Mdlle. DURIAUX, on "Language Teaching." Lawrence C. Jackson, Esq., in the chair.

February 17th.—E. STANLEY-SMITH, Esq., M.D., M.R.C.P. (London), on "Civilization: some of its evil effects upon Health." Algernon Coote, Esq., M.A., in the chair.

March 10th.—Professor BOULGER, F.L.S., F.G.S., on "The Trees of London." R. W. Cracroft, Esq., in the chair.

May 6th.—Mrs. STEINTHAL, on "Children's Work in connection with Aunt Mai's Budget in the *Parents' Review*." E. Symes Thompson Esq., M.D., in the chair.

June 8th.—Miss R. LENEY (senior student of the House of Education, June, 1895), was announced to lecture on the "Teaching of Reading and Spelling," as recommended by Miss Mason in "Home Education." Mrs. Holroyd Chaplin in the chair.

The following Classes have been held during the year:—French, by a pupil of Mdlle. Duriaux; German (Gouin method); Brushdrawing, for adults and children; and Handwork lessons by a student of the House of Education.

During the Christmas holidays, Miss BLOMFIELD JACKSON conducted a party of about 15 children to the Tower, Westminster Abbey, National Gallery, and British Museum, and explained the buildings to them.

A course of five lectures to children's nurses was given by Dr. C. Wickham, and was much appreciated.

A Reading Circle and Educational Debating Society was successfully held at the Secretary's house each month during the session. Hockey, cricket, &c., were arranged for girls, the ground being situated in N. Kensington.

A course of 10 out-door Natural History Lessons to children, is now being held in country places near London, by Miss E. WHITLEY, B. Sc. The class numbers between 20 and 30 children.

LEEDS BRANCH.

*President :**Committee :*

Mrs. TALBOT BAINES	Mrs. BARRAN
Mrs. R. W. EDDISON	Mrs. F. STEINTHAL
Mrs. MIALL.	

Hon. Treasurer : Mrs. MAYO ROBSON.*Hon. Secretary :* Mrs. SMITHELLS.

Number of Members, 62.

The Committee have to report that satisfactory work has been done by this branch of the Parents' Union during the past year. The lectures throughout the session had a good average attendance, and much interest was evinced in them. The Committee trust that members will make the Union known among their personal friends, so that its usefulness and influence may be increased. The following lectures have been given during the session 1895-6.

October, 1895.—Mrs. BOYD CARPENTER, "Later Links in the Home Chain."

November.—Miss BISHOP, of Birmingham, on "Frœbel in the Home and in the Kindergarten."

December.—Drawing-room Meeting. Paper read by Mrs. STEINTHAL, on "Some difficulties of Parents," followed by discussion.

February, 1896.—Mrs. MIALL, on "Play."

March.—Drawing-room Meeting. Three Papers on "Children's Books," written by Dr. BRYANT, Mrs. CANMONT and Mrs. PETERS, were read and discussed.

March.—Miss SIMPSON gave a course of lectures to children on "Signs of Spring" during April and May: "Catkins," "Winter Sleepers," "Pond Life in Spring," "Crocuses and Hyacinths."

A Lending Library, containing 40 books, has been started, and includes many standard works on education, which are free to members of the Leeds branch.

READING BRANCH.

President : Right Rev. the BISHOP OF READING.*Committee :*

Mrs. CLAYTON.	Mrs. HASLAM.
Rev. F. T. COLSON, M.A.	Mrs. HUDLESTON.
Mrs. HART DAVIS.	J. B. HURRY, Esq., M.A., M.D.
Rev. M. T. FRIEND, M.A.	ALFRED SUTTON, Esq. J.P.
HASTINGS GILFORD, Esq.	Mrs. HERBERT SUTTON.
Miss L. E. HAIGH.	Mrs. C. W. TAYLOR.

Hon. Treasurer :

Rev. A. H. CUNNINGHAM, B.A., Somerset House, London Road.

Hon. Secretary : Mr. W. SALMON, 54, London Street.*Branch Representative :* Dr. HASTINGS GILFORD.

The Committee report with pleasure steady increase in membership and gradual development of the work of the Branch during the past year.

The following Lectures have been given :

1895. May 11th.—"Clay Modelling," by Mrs. F. STEINTHAL, at Ascham House. Chairman, Dr. Jamieson B. Hurry, M.A.
- " Sept. 28th.—"The Evolution of the Ethical Idea in Children," by The Rev. W. CHAS. EPPSTEIN, M.A., at St. Clair. Chairman, Hastings Gilford, Esq., F.R.C.S.
- " November 16th.—"The Religious Education of Children," by the Rev. F. T. COLSON, M.A., at the High School. Chairman, The Rev. Canon Cromwell.
1896. February 4th.—"The Faults of Children," by HASTINGS GILFORD, Esq., F.R.C.S., at the Abbey Hall.
- " March 21st.—"Natural History Club, as a means of furthering the study of Nature," by Mrs. E. L. FRANKLIN, at Ascham House. Chairman, H. M. Wallis, Esq., J. P.

Hitherto only three meetings have been held annually, but it was felt that an increased number was called for; and five addresses were arranged for this year, one taking place in the evening. There was an excellent attendance at all of them, and deep interest was shown in the subjects under consideration. Discussions took place after each address, and much that is useful and suggestive was expressed by this means. The number of speakers has greatly increased.

Thirty-five new members have joined during the past year, and four have resigned. The total number is now 117.

The Committee trust that members will make the Union known among their personal friends, so that its usefulness and influence may be increased.

The Lending Library is growing steadily. A sum of £4 was voted from the general fund at the last general meeting, and it was decided at the beginning of the year that the Branch was in a position to return the books lent to form a nucleus, and to purchase copies of the books so returned. In addition to these, ten books have been bought. The sum expended amounts to £2 12s. 1d. leaving a balance of £1 7s. 11d. of the Library grant. A Proposition book is kept at the Library (54, London street), and members are requested to enter in it the names of any books they think should be purchased for the Branch. Five volumes of the *Parents' Review* have been presented by the Honorary Secretary. The *Parents' Review* is now taken in, and the different numbers can be had from the Library in the same way as other books. The total number of books is sixty, most of which have been in constant request.

There has been a steady demand for the publications issued by the Branch. Only five copies of Mrs. Hart-Davis's paper on "Family Life" remain unsold, and of the "Suggestions for the management of young children" by Mr. and Mrs. Hart-Davis and Dr. Gilford, 582 copies have been sold.

A Natural History Club has also been formed in connection with this Branch.

SCARBOROUGH BRANCH.

President: The LORD BISHOP OF HULL.

Vice-Presidents:

F. GODFREY, Esq., M.B.	JOSHUA ROWNTREE, Esq.
J. KITCHING, Esq.	F. SANDFORD, Esq.
Rev. W. RAVEN HART.	

Committee:

Mrs. ED. GRUBE.	Miss THEEDAM.
Mrs. W. R. RAVEN HART.	Mrs. ED. WALLIS.
Mrs. T. J. HART.	

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. GEORGE ROWNTREE, 14, Valley Bridge.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. GODFREY, 5, Montpellier Terrace.

Branch Representative: MRS. ELLIS.

The Scarborough branch has completed its second year of work. There is a slight increase of numbers this year. The meetings have been very much appreciated by members, and this has shown itself in the desire for more discussion, and of having courses arranged for special subjects. This we hope to see carried out next winter.

Miss Mason opened the session with one of her most inspiring addresses on "The Future Work of the Union."

With one exception, all our meetings have been held, by kind invitation of members, in drawing-rooms, and this has helped towards getting more interchange of thought.

A marked feature of our branch is the number of teachers who attend our meetings, and this combines the interests of the "Teachers' Guild" and "Parents' Union" in one.

SHEFFIELD BRANCH.

Committee:

Mrs. BLAKENEY.	Mr. and Mrs. W. P. TURNBULL.
Dr. and Mrs. HICKS.	Mrs. H. J. WILSON.
Rev. J. E. and Mrs. MANNING.	Mrs. J. W. WILSON.
Rev. V. W. and Mrs. PEARSON.	Mrs. WOODHOUSE.
Rev. Ed. and Mrs. SENIOR.	

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. J. NEWTON COOMBE.

The Hon. Secretary has to report that the number of members is about the same as last year, viz.: 32. There are six new members, but, owing to removal and other causes, the numbers remain stationary.

Only two large meetings have been held during the session:—

October 25th, 1895.—"The Action of Water on Land," by C. CARUS-WILSON, illustrated by limelight slides. There were upwards of 150 parents and children present, a small charge being made to those who were not members of the Union.

December 2nd, 1895.—"A SCRIPTURAL TRAINING," by Mrs. Watson.

Two additional meetings have been arranged:—

May, 1896 —"School Games and Bicycling."

July, 1896 (probably).—"Obedience," by Mr. T. G. ROOPER, H.M.I.

The Library of Educational works has been enlarged, and now contains 24 volumes. The books are sent round by the Hon. Secretary, and are greatly appreciated and valued by the members.

The Committee have to record the loss of their Hon. Secretary, Miss WALMSLEY, who has left the town. She has been interested in the work of the Union since 1892, and has been associated with this branch as Hon. Secretary since that time. Her departure is a distinct loss to the branch.

SOUTHPORT BRANCH.

President: Lady WHEELER. *Vice-President:* Mrs. J. M. DIXON.
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. G. DIXON. *Hon. Treasurer:* Mrs. J. P. REES.

The following meetings have been held this session:—

November 6th, 1895.—“Teaching and Education,” by Miss SIMON.
 December 10th.—“Teaching a Modern Language,” by Mrs. MIALL.
 February, 1896.—“Heredity,” by Dr. MACCALL.
 March.—“The Future of P.N.E.U.” by Miss Mason.

This branch now numbers 52 members.

WOODFORD AND WANSTEAD BRANCH.

President: Mrs. HENRY FOWLER.
Treasurer: Miss EMMA FOWLER.
Hon. Sec.: Mrs. SPEDDING CURWEN.

Committee:

Mrs. DOUGHTY. Mrs. PEDLEY.
 Mrs. ARNOLD HILLS. Mrs. ALBERT WILSON.
 Mrs. PRIMROSE PECHEY.

This branch still continues to prosper. The numbers are about the same, but the meetings have been better attended this year.

The following list shows what meetings have been held:—

October 30th.—Mr. JACKSON. “The Hygiene of Handwriting.”
 December 2nd.—Mr. SWAN. “The Gouin Series Method.”
 February 20th, 1896.—Mrs. FRANKLIN. “Habit.”
 May 1st.—Mrs. BEHNKE. “The Voice Culture of Children.”

A reading circle has taken for study “Home Education,” by Miss Mason. There were three weekly meetings in May.

A French class was formed as an outcome of Mr. Swan's lecture.

A REPORT
 OF THE
Natural History Club.
 AND OF THE
 EXHIBITION OF COLLECTIONS.

OBJECTS.

1. The objects of the Natural History Club are:—
 - 1st. To promote the systematic study of Natural History.
 - 2nd. To stimulate and guide amateurs in giving Nature Lessons.

COMMITTEE.

MRS. F. H. ANSON.
 MRS. ERNEST FRANKLIN.
 MRS. HENRY PERRIN.

Secretary,

MISS BLOGG,
 28, Victoria Street,
 S.W.,

To whom all applications should be made.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The annual Subscription for members of the Parents' Union is 2/6. For non-members the annual Subscription is 5/-.

REPORT OF NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

THE Committee have much pleasure in reporting continued progress in the work of this Club.

Many members of country branches have joined it, and are finding it of service to themselves and their children. The series of lessons in the form of monthly letters, written by Mr. Francis Rowbotham, have been well taken up and much appreciated. There have been—

52 Subscribers for the Junior Botany Course.

19 " " " Geology "

11 " " Senior Botany "

6 " " " Geology "

These letters are intended to serve only as guides to parents and teachers. They aim at being complete, but they require the living teacher to impart their contents and to illustrate them. It is most essential that they should be taught to the children, not studied by the children alone. It is hoped that they will be a real help to those who wish their children to learn about and to love Nature, but who rightly feel that they themselves ought to be far better acquainted with the subject before they can presume to teach it.

Mr. Rowbotham's object in his letters (especially in the Junior Course) is to help the children in the first place to use their eyes, to observe, and to think about what they see; and secondly, to acquire some simple, but well-ordered knowledge about what they have themselves noticed. He helps the teacher by sketches and diagrams in the letters, and encourages the children to draw what he describes, so that their impressions may be clear. Each monthly letter contains enough material for about four lessons, the division of the matter being left to the discretion of the teacher. A summary of contents accompanies each letter, together with suggestions for work to be

done by the pupil. The use of a text book in the Junior Course is not necessary except for occasional reference.

A new feature in the work of 1896 will be the publication of a supplement every three months containing reproductions of the best drawings sent in.

The following course of letters will be issued on the 15th of each month during 1896:—

a. Junior Botany	..	..	18s. for 12 months.
b. Junior Geology	..	..	18s. " "
c. Senior Botany	..	..	£1 8s. " "
d. Lessons from our Walks	..	..	18s. " "

Fees are payable in January.

Courses *a*, *b*, *c*, will continue the teaching which is now going on.

Course *d* is a new one intended to interest Teachers and Children in towns as well as in the country.

The Senior Geology course will not be carried any further, but new subscribers for this course will receive the letters of 1895, at a fee of 18s. for 12 months.

New subscribers for courses *a*, *b*, *c*, are advised to begin with the letters issued in 1895, which will be sent to them month by month.

The Secretary (28, Victoria Street, S.W.) will be glad to hear, *as soon as possible*, from those who wish for courses of letters during the ensuing year. Specimen letters may be seen on application.

It may here be mentioned that, as an outcome of the work of the Natural History Club, the Bayswater branch of the P.N.E.U. arranged for Mr. Rowbotham to conduct botanical and geological excursions into the country for children of all P.N.E.U. and N.H.C. members and their friends. These excursions were a very great success, and will be repeated next spring. Places within easy reach of London are chosen, and

Mr. Rowbotham supplements his letters by talks on the flowers, fossils, insects, etc., found in the walks. Country branches might with advantage adopt some similar scheme.

EXHIBITION OF COLLECTIONS.

The Third Annual Exhibition was held on November 15th and 16th, at 50, Porchester Terrace, W. (by the kindness of Mr. E. A. Franklin). The increase in the number and quality of the exhibits justified the hope expressed in last year's report. The fact that the exhibition was opened for two days was much appreciated, and over 200 visitors, including many children, availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing the collections. It was somewhat to be regretted that very few former exhibitors sent collections this year, and though the new names are heartily welcomed by the Committee, it is hoped that next year there will be work sent in by old as well as new friends. The same collections may be shown in successive years, with such additions and improvements as may be made during the year; because completed collections are of more value to the young naturalist than new ones, begun and dropped again. The Committee would again urge local branches to have a *preliminary* exhibition of collections made by their members, so that those who are debarred from seeing the central exhibition may still have the benefit of seeing the work of some few other collectors. Miss Whitley, B. Sc., and Mr. E. R. Sykes, F.Z.S., Hon Sec. of the Malacological Society, again very kindly criticised the exhibits, a kindness which the Committee most heartily appreciated, and for which they would tender their very best thanks. A new feature introduced this year was a lecture by Mr. Rowbotham on "Methods of observing Nature." A detailed report of the exhibits is appended, but one or two points may be noticed here. There was a very large increase in the number of Herbaria. The nature note-books from the "House of Education" were, as usual, a great addition to the exhibition.

Some of the students who had followed Mr. Rowbotham's courses had made delightful illustrations of his geology letters. Side by side with these nature note books of the students, the practical result of the training of the "House of Education" might be observed in the very excellent note-books and collections sent by *pupils* of ex-students, who themselves inspired by a love of nature, know well how to instil this love into their pupils. These pupils sent excellent collections of twigs, fruits of trees, birds' feathers, and shells. The brush-drawings were more numerous and better than those sent last year. Some drawings, made by quite young children, were most excellent. There were also shown the original drawings made by children for the supplements to Mr. Rowbotham's letters. Mrs. Perrin's beautiful water-colour drawings of flowers were much admired, and their publication is eagerly awaited by botanists.

The live owl and jerboa exhibited by Messrs. Hett and Montagu, were a great delight to the little visitors. Animals reared and tamed with so much care and love may rightly find a place in an exhibition of natural history objects. The collection of stuffed animals, sent by the same exhibitors, was also most excellent.

The Committee were delighted to comply with the wish of Miss Hall (curator of the Museum attached to the Free Library in Whitechapel) and to send the bulk of the exhibits to the Museum, where over 400 children and teachers were enabled to see them.

A few books which collectors had found useful, were on view at the exhibition. The loan of such books adds much to the practical help afforded by the exhibition.

In conclusion the Committee earnestly trust that all collections were received by the owners in good condition.

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THE HOUSE OF EDUCATION, AMBLESIDE.

"For the Children's sake."

Man cannot propose a higher or holier object for his study than Education, and all that pertains to Education.—*Plato*.

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The Northern Counties' Sloyd Association examine in Handicrafts.
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(Each Member of the Staff is a Specialist.)

A. JOHNSTON, Esq., M.D., Lecturer on Hygiene and Human Physiology. Psychology, Education, etc., are taught by the Principal.

The REV. C. J. BAYLEY, M.A., Vicar of the Parish, gives Lectures in Divinity.

Various professional and other friends, specialists, visit the College, and give short Courses in their special Subjects.

The OBJECT of the House of Education is to provide for women a special training in the knowledge and principles which belong to their peculiar work, namely, *the bringing up of children*. It is needless to enlarge on the value of training in giving impulse and direction as well as knowledge and power; and this work on special lines should be of incalculable service to all who may, in any way, be concerned in education.

The Students of the House of Education are:—

- (a) Ladies (young ladies especially) who undergo training to enable them to fulfil the more intelligently any guardianship of children to which they may be called. These need pass no preliminary examination.
- (b) *Primary Governesses*: that is, ladies who desire to qualify as governesses to young children. These must pass an easy entrance examination as a test of general knowledge.
- (c) *Secondary Governesses*: that is, ladies who wish to qualify as governesses to more advanced pupils. These should, as a rule, hold certificates of attainments, though such certificates are not indispensable as the entrance examination affords a test.

French and German governesses who have undergone training at the House of Education are in very great request. So, too, are trained English governesses who hold diplomas earned abroad; and, also, ladies who have studied at either of the Women's Colleges.

The work of this college is entirely *Training* and not *Teaching*: it may be classed broadly under the following heads:—

- I. Psychology, Ethics, and the History and Philosophy of Education. The aim of Education, as presented to the students, is, to produce a

- human being at his best—physically, mentally, morally, and spritually—quicken by the enthusiasms of religion, of goodness, of nature, of knowledge, of art, of literature, and of manual work.
- II. The Practice of Education, under direction and criticism (in the Practising School, which is arranged on the lines of a Home Schoolroom); the work is tested by a lesson given by each student before Mr. Rooper (H.M.I.), the marks she receives going towards her Certificate.
 - III. The Teaching of Modern Languages (French, German, and Italian) on the Gouin system. Much attention is paid to this branch of the work on account of its educational value; this lies chiefly in the training it affords in the power of attention, and to the imagination, as well as to the ear and the vocal organs in perceiving and producing new vocables.
 - IV. Nature Lore, which includes the acquiring of familiar acquaintance with the Natural objects—wild flowers and fruits, trees, crystals, bird and insect life—of this beautiful country; field work (in Botany, Natural History, and Geology), and the keeping and illustrating with brush drawings of a Nature Diary. The "Nature Lore" Certificate assures a knowledge which should enable the governess to gratify the intelligent curiosity of children, or to introduce her older pupils to the delightful pursuits of the field naturalist. The "Nature Lore" work is supplemented by definite scientific teaching in Biology, etc., with free use of the microscope.
 - V. Art: Modelling in Clay, Drawing in Charcoal, and Brushwork, on broad artistic lines. Sketching in water colours on the lines of the "Fésole" school. The students have also weekly instructions in art, chiefly Italian, at the house of a friend, and the opportunity of seeing reproductions of those pictures and buildings described by Mr. Ruskin: they thus become acquainted, to some extent, with his ethical and artistic teaching, and prepared to guide the taste of their pupils, and to enjoy foreign travel with perceptive minds, and hearts "more deeply satisfied and more divinely athirst."
 - VI. The teaching of Singing and the Piano on *educative* and intelligent methods.
 - VII. Hygiene. The students are examined for the Diploma of the National Health Society, which guarantees such knowledge of Human Physiology, Nursing, and "First Aid," as will fit the holders to take intelligent care of children in health and to give intelligent help in sickness; and will also enable them to teach on the lines on which they have themselves been taught. The art of taking walks, games (hockey, etc.), Ling's Swedish Drill, and graceful calisthenic exercises, especially with the ball, are amongst the means of health and happiness to the use of which the students are trained.

VIII. Arts and Crafts. Great prominence is given to manual training both for its own sake and as giving a just balance to character, and a variety of interests in life. Among the subjects taught are cardboard Sloyd (Leipsic and Swedish), bookbinding, woodcarving, Japanese paper-folding, basket making, bent iron work, needlework, various lace stitches, knitting and netting. Cooking is taught with a view to teaching children to cook.

The students are trained to carry their pupils through the progressive classes of the *Parents' Review School*, which includes Latin, Mathematics, Literature, History, Geography, etc., in addition to those subjects indicated above.

Special opportunities of literary culture are afforded to the students.

The training course for certificated teachers occupies Two Years.

Students working for the certificate are not admitted under eighteen.

Students who enter for a *non-professional* training may be admitted somewhat under eighteen (as seventeen and a half), and may enter for one year, on the distinct understanding that they do not make professional use of their training.

The year is divided into three terms, Spring, Summer, and Winter; First, from the middle of January to the middle of April; Second, from the middle of April to the middle of July; Third, from the end of September to the middle of December.

There are two vacations, Winter and Summer, and part of each is spent by the students in Probationary teaching. A short holiday is given between the Spring and Summer terms, during which the students have the option of remaining up.

Students enter in January.

Fees, *payable in advance*, £20 a Term.

Additional expenses—Books, stationery, work materials, extra class fees and examination fees—2 Guineas a Term, inclusive. The students pay for their own washing.

Students *who do not propose to teach*, and are unable to enter for a year, are received for a short course of a single Term. Fee, 30 Guineas: additional expenses the same as for other students. These may enter at either of the three terms.

Each student, on completing her training, must pay a fee of £5 to the *Parents' National Educational Union*. This fee may be paid in instalments, lasting over a year, to Miss Blogg, Secretary of the P.N.E.U., at the office, 28, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

This rule applies to all students excepting those who enter for a three months' course.

The House of Education is carried on in a finely situated building (including Lecture Room, Practising School, &c.), in its own beautiful grounds, all the students being under one roof.

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The House of Education Certificate, which is awarded to successful students at the end of their training, upon their Examinations in the Theory and Practice of Education, guarantees practical skill in teaching, some knowledge of the principles of Physical, Psychical, Ethical, Intellectual and Religious Education, and that the student is able to train nerve and muscle, faculty, will, and conscience in such wise as to work towards the fullest development of the children committed to her care. It also certifies a knowledge of methods of teaching and of text books; and that the student is in touch with advanced educational thought. It attests, too, that the student is trained to educate the hand by means of useful and delightful Home Arts. This certificate testifies, in a word, to the "all round" qualifications necessary to those who take in hand the education of children and girls up to the age of sixteen or seventeen. At that age the pupil should be able to specialise, and the aid of the highly qualified specialist should be called in.

The Certificate will be awarded only when the student shows herself possessed of the—to adopt a phrase—enthusiasm of childhood, which makes all work of teaching and training heart-service done for God.

The interest felt in this movement is widespread, and it is not possible to supply the demand for governesses. Earnest and well-bred women who are looking out for good work are invited to offer themselves for training. The need of devoted co-workers in their labour of love is grievously felt by mothers, especially by some of those of the upper classes whose engagements press heavily upon them.

Apply to

THE SECRETARY,

HOUSE OF EDUCATION,

AMBLESIDE.



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REPORT

ON THE

HOUSE OF EDUCATION,

1895-6.

SINCE the removal of the House of Education to its present convenient and beautiful premises, the life in it has grown even more vigorous and expansive than before. The students showed by the lessons which they gave in my presence that their interest in devising practical methods of teaching is thoroughly well maintained, and that they are possessed of the right spirit for teaching—namely, a combination of kindness, patience, and determination. The subjects dealt with in these lessons included English and other languages, number, geography, music, drawing, natural history, and a variety of excellent occupations for the training of the hand and eye. Among other forms of manual training, I noticed cardboard work, Smyrna rug weaving, basket work, paper cutting, and varieties of plain and fancy needlework. A special feature in the music lesson is the practice of easy songs in French, German and Italian. Drill and physical exercises are not neglected. There is no doubt that the students have learnt how to make the schoolroom a place where children may spend the whole day happily and usefully, advancing at once in practical intelligence as well as in knowledge.

I also heard lessons given by the staff, which remains the same as last year, with the addition of Mdle. Mottu. The instruction which was given by Miss Bull in French and Italian, in physiology by Miss Stirling, in sol-fa by Miss H. Sumner, in painting from nature by Miss M. Sumner, was of a character which accounts for the intelligence and earnestness of the students.

Miss Hodgson continues to give most interesting instruction in natural history, and the natural history note-books (which are illustrated by drawings from nature done by the students) are of the greatest interest and value. An important step forward is being made this year in the extension of the course of training. The students are in future to remain under training for two years instead of one. During the past year, two of the thirty students in the House of Education have voluntarily remained a second year in the House, but in future all will do so. The extended training will enable the

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students to obtain a more thorough grasp of the principles of education. The special aims of the second year's course are:—

- (1). To afford a more extended course of study in psychology, ethics, the principles of education, and the practice of educational methods.
- (2). To enable the students to devote some months to the almost exclusive study of French, including literature, history, grammar, and conversation with a native teacher.
- (3). To allow time for more thorough training in mathematics, Latin, geology, botany, and other studies.
- (4). To enable students to carry their art studies further, so that they may be able to introduce their pupils to elementary life studies and water-colour sketching from nature.

The Principal continues to receive good reports of the students who are at work in various parts of the country. In almost every case the placing of one student leads to the appointment of three or four others in the same neighbourhood.

Another interesting feature of the past year is the issue of an old students' magazine, and the selection of a badge. These developments originated with the students themselves, who felt the need of giving effect to the feeling of *esprit de corps* which strongly prevails among them, and of keeping in touch with one another and the House when widely separated, and of exchanging ideas and cherishing the enthusiasm for their work, which is the distinguishing feature of House of Education governesses.

The striking suggestion for a badge—namely, the "Rush," was due to Miss Beale. The idea of *L'umile pianta* (Dante, Purg. I.) was no sooner proposed than it was cordially approved by all the ex-students, who have adopted it at once as their badge and as the name of their magazine, which circulates under the name of *L'umile pianta*. How this badge appeals to the students is shown by the following extract from a letter from the Principal in the first number of the magazine:—

"Your deliberate choice of the 'humble plant' as best expressing your aims, gives me a cheering sense that you realize the meaning of our work. It is the loftiest possible aim to us as human beings to copy the 'example of that great Humility.' To us who take the 'Rush' for our badge there are no little things, no things that do not matter. We know that every letter which a child forms is a detriment or a gain to his character. Another thing that our 'Rush' probably means to all of us is that we work at things, both great and small, without any thought at all of our own honour and renown."

Another instrument of union is the beautiful certificate presented to the College by the lady visitor, Mrs. Dallas Yorke. The design, which is by Mr. Wilson, is full of interesting detail and of great beauty.

May, 1896.

T. G. ROOPER.

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HOUSE OF EDUCATION, AMBLESIDE.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION IN THEORY AND PRACTICE OF TEACHING BY MESSRS. ROOPER AND BARNETT, HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORS, DECEMBER, 1895.

FIRST CLASS.

	Marks for Practical Teaching. Maxm. 300.	Marks for Knowledge of Theory. Maxm. 300.	TOTALS. Maxm. 600.
Miss Dixon - - -	270	250	520
Miss Maud - - -	270	195	465
Miss Watson - - -	240	220	460
Miss Smyth - - -	225	230	455

SECOND CLASS.

Miss Beveridge - - -	255	190	445
Miss Jones - - -	255	190	445
Miss Ambler - - -	210	220	430
Miss Fountain - - -	255	175	430

SATISFIED MR. ROOPER IN PRACTICAL TEACHING.

Miss Grey - - -	255
Miss Conder - - -	240

P. A. BARNETT.

4th Jan., 1896.

In commenting on the papers submitted to me dealing with the Theory of Teaching, I have first of all to say that I have not yet had from the House of Education a set of papers of such uniformly good quality. I have found the task of differentiation a very difficult one; and it would appear from the marking of my friend and colleague Mr. Rooper, that he has had a like experience in assessing the practical teaching of the students who came before him.

Three papers of questions were set before the candidates. The first dealt with the practical applications of psychology to the tasks of the schoolroom; the second mainly with the development of character and discipline; the third with questions on details, such as the ordering of studies, devices of illustration, and the like. All were satisfactorily answered, and the last especially. These facts illustrate what I have before now given as my opinion on the work done at Ambleside—that the training of the students is of a kind to fit them unusually well for the discharge of the actual duties likely to fall to them. It is also abundantly clear that every

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means is taken to impress on them a sense of the responsibilities of the teacher, and the necessity of a high standard and example.

I note with satisfaction that in this set of papers there are very few cases in which technical terms have been used with a vague sense of their meaning; answers have been almost always simple and direct to the point at issue.

P. A. BARNETT.

4th January, 1896.

REPORT ON NATURE NOTE BOOKS, DECEMBER, 1895.

I have received eleven books from nine students and place them in order of merit:—

CLASS I.

- * 1.—Miss C. Janet Smyth. 2.—Miss Lilian Gray.

CLASS II.

- 3.—Miss Beveridge. 4.—Miss Ambler (two books).
5.—Miss Maud.

CLASS III.

- 6.—Miss Watson. 7.—Miss Fountain (two books).
8.—Miss Hughes Jones. 9.—Miss Dixon.

The standard of work at the close of the year 1895 has risen considerably above that of 1894—the work of the first class being much higher than that of the same class last Christmas. No student has ever before succeeded in painting birds' eggs as Miss Janet Smyth has done. Her "Insects from Life" are also beautifully drawn; and in her series of "Twigs" she has caught the characters of the different trees very exactly. The "Nature Notes" of the first and second classes are good and interesting, especially those made by Miss Gray when on the Continent during the summer vacation. Having seen some "Nature Diaries" kept by former students after they have left the House of Education, I am glad to find that they keep up their interest in natural history, and not only fully maintain their standard of excellence in drawing from nature, but improve very much in finish and delicacy.

HERBERT D. GELDART.

* With distinction for Drawings of Flowers, Insects from Life, and Birds' Eggs.

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THE EDUCATIONAL HANDWORK UNION.

BIRCH LEA, OAKDALE ROAD, SHEFFIELD.

January 4th, 1896.

TO MISS MASON.

Dear Madam,—I append our Examiners' Report on the cardboard class examined by him in your College on the 14th December. It is of a very satisfactory character—

"The work this year shows a decided advance on that of last year. Some of the models were perfect specimens of workmanship, while all showed care and accuracy. Many of the little extras proved that the models had not been made as a set task, but from a real love of the work. The teacher's enthusiasm had evidently leavened the whole class. Some good specimens of bookbinding, clay-modelling, bent iron, basket, and brushwork were also shown. The Teachers' certificate will be issued to Misses Lilian Grey and Ada J. Amber, and the Elementary certificate to all those who sat for it." (Misses Dixon, Maud, Watson, Smyth, Hughes, Jones, Fountain).

The above certificates will be forwarded as soon as signed by the officials of the Union.

I am, Dear Madam, yours truly,

LIONEL C. SMITH.

Examining Sec. to the Union.

SCIENCE AND ART DEPARTMENT, SOUTH KENSINGTON.

RESULT OF EXAMINATION ON HYGIENE, DECEMBER, 1894.

PASSED.—Miss S. M. G. Beveridge, Miss Ada Ambler, Miss L. Gray, Miss H. R. Watson, Miss M. C. Fountain, Miss C. J. Smyth, Miss M. Hughes Jones.

ELEMENTARY BOTANY.

PASSED.—Miss Margaret Beveridge, Miss Mabel Conder, Miss Evelyn Flower, Miss Grace Frere, Miss Lilian Gray, Miss Mildred Hughes-Jones, Miss Rose Leney, Miss Marie Seebohm, Miss Janet Smyth.

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THE PARENTS' REVIEW SCHOOL.

Conducted by Miss Charlotte M. Mason.

MOTTO:—"I AM, I CAN, I OUGHT, I WILL."

The object of the Parents' Review School is to help parents whose children are taught at home, by mother or governess, in the following ways:—

- (a) To secure a common standard of attainment, so that the home-taught child shall be equal to the rest when he goes to school.
- (b) To do this without sacrificing individual development, and the following of the bent of each child's tastes and powers.
- (c) To introduce good methods and good text-books into the home school-room.
- (d) To foster the habits of attention, punctuality, diligence, promptness, and the power of doing given work in a given time.
- (e) To secure the gain of definite work upon a given syllabus, without the danger of "cram."
- (f) To test and encourage the home-school from term to term by examinations, testing intelligent knowledge rather than verbal memory.
- (g) To give the home-taught child many of those advantages which the school-taught child possesses.
- (h) In a word, while increasing rather than diminishing the leisure of the home-taught child to counteract any dawdling, dilatory, procrastinating habits, which put him at a disadvantage as compared with the smarter school-child.

This help is given in the following ways:—

"Preliminary questions" are sent to mothers framed to ascertain the physical and mental development as well as the attainments of each child. Upon the answer to these, the children are classified, and a programme of work for a term is sent for the children in each class, together with timetables, "suggestions" as to method of teaching and books to be used, and the "Rules of the School." At the end of a term the children's work is tested by an examination. Examination papers are sent at Easter and Christmas, the children's work is sent up, and the parents receive a report upon it. For the Midsummer examination the work is not sent up, but the parents send up their report.

FEES. One Guinea a year for a family of one or several children under ten years of age. Two Guineas for one child over ten. Three Guineas for a family in which there are one or more children over ten.

Members of the Parents' Review School must take in the *Parents' Review* (6d. monthly: All booksellers.)

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MOTHERS' EDUCATIONAL COURSE.

THREE YEARS.

To help Mothers to give their children such teaching as should confirm them in the Christian Religion.

To give the knowledge necessary for the care and development of children in sickness and health.

To show the principles of Education, and methods based on those principles.

To enable Mothers to awaken their children's interest in Nature, and give them their first ideas.

The work for the first year is elementary and not difficult. It fairly covers the principles of, and suggests good methods for, the physical, moral, mental, and religious training of children; and includes the knowledge necessary to give children their first inspiring ideas about the natural world. The work for the two following years is progressive in difficulty.

Fees. Entrance fee, a guinea. Examination fees, 5/- for each examination after the first year.

Members of the Mothers' Educational Course must take in the "*Parents' Review*" (6d. monthly. The Secretary, P. N. E. U. Offices, 28, Victoria Street, London, S.W.)



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Audited and found Correct, this 19th day of March, 1896.
(Signed) WOODMAN, TULLOCH, & EDDS, Auditors.